

Minutes of the Meeting of **Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council**
Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.15pm via Zoom

Members Present: Gary Arkless (Chair), Cynthia Stacey, Melvyn Tisbury, John Mason, Janet Hackett, Geoff Prett, Sally Griffiths, Phil Jones & Alun Owen

In attendance: Julia Barnes (Clerk) & County Cllr Kay Cutts.

5659. MINUTE'S SILENCE

Cllr Arkless led the meeting in observing a minute's silence as a mark of respect to HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh.

Cllr Arkless asked that during this silence respect also be paid to RBC employee David Mitchell who had recently tragically passed away.

5660. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bancroft not present, no apologies were received.

Cllr Tisbury sent his apologies for a possible late arrival.

Borough Cllr Wheeler sent his apologies for a late arrival, possibly after 8.30pm, due to a prior engagement.

Cllr Arkless noted that this would be County Cllr Cutts last attendance at our Parish Council meeting and wanted to express sincere thanks from our whole community and the wider Nottinghamshire area for everything she has done for the region over her long career. This sentiment was echoed by all present.

County Cllr Cutts wanted to thank the Parish Council for their kind words and much appreciated gift and card received to mark her retirement. Cllr Cutts spoke of the long-standing connection with HP&G Parish Council and thanked the Parish Councillors for their contributions to their community for no reward.

5661. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

5662. ORDER OF BUSINESS

No changes were proposed to the order of business.

5663. MINUTES

TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8th MARCH 2021

No changes were proposed to the draft Minutes. Cllr Arkless proposed, and Cllr Mason seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Vote was taken, unanimously in favour.

Cllr Arkless to upload March '21 Minutes to the HP&G PC website.

Clerk to delete March '21 Zoom meeting recording.

5664. COUNTY REPORT

County Cllr Cutts spoke about the first virtual meet of the Holme Lane Working Group with Cllrs Owen, Stacey and Hackett which had been a very fruitful meeting. Cllr Cutts expressed the opinion that she would welcome Holme Lane being reverted to a leisure route except for vehicular access to residents and working vehicles. Cllr Cutts explained that this could eventually be achieved and looked forward to the second working group meeting. The officers involved thanked the Parish Council for the hard work that had been put into the project.

Cllr Cutts noted that a remembrance service for HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh would be held at Southwell Minster this Friday led by the Bishop and Lord Lieutenant John Peace. Due to Covid-19 guidelines only approximately 50 people would attend in person, but the event would be live streamed to view over the internet.

Cllr Cutts explained that progress on HS2, Freeport and the Development Corporation would be paused until after the local elections. A decision is awaited from the Prime Minister, Treasurer and Transport Secretary. Cllr Cutts said that the problem with HS2 was the insistence that it should stop at the parkway station which will not serve any of the nearby cities or county locations.

Cllr Cutts explained that Nottinghamshire had been encouraged to bid for the STEP nuclear fusion plant. Two potential sites have been identified one at Ratcliffe-on-Soar the other at West Burton, both would provide the required acreage and water supply.

Cllr Cutts confirmed that she had properly presented the Ambleside petition to full council as per her obligation. This would be revisited at committee after the election period. Cllr Cutts considered there was a small chance of success, but the fact that Ambleside is a through route may prevent this.

Cllr Stacey asked if there were any imminent plans to resume spontaneous visits to the Household Waste Recycling Centre on Rugby Road. Cllr Cutts explained not at present. The situation will be eased when another recycling site is created, and it is expected until then booking will be required.

Cllr Arkless asked that in addition to the traffic calming suggestions if resurfacing of the Ambleside road surface would be considered as part of the petition. Cllr Cutts explained that all aspects would be considered, as well as renewal of the white lines.

Clerk noted that she had liaised with Paul Roberts from Notts CC regarding the LIS Grant application and in conversation he asked that his kind regards be passed on to County Cllr Cutts and that he hopes to catch up on the other side of lockdown to wish her well.

5665. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr Arkless read out the following forwarded report from Borough Cllr Wheeler in his absence.

It is with great sadness to announce that David Mitchell, Executive Manager at Rushcliffe Borough Council for Communities has passed away after illness. David worked for the Borough Council for over 30 years, and I can say from working with him many times, he always had the interest of residents at heart. He will be missed.

Tragically, David was due to retire in May, and so the reorganisation I now announce was already discussed before his tragic death. Dave Banks will be in charge of Communities, as well as his role as one of the Deputy Chief Executives. Peter Linfield remains in charge of Finance and Governance as well as a Deputy Chief Executive. Leanne Ashmore will now take the Planning brief under her overall brief of Transformation. There will also be a new Chief Executive Department reporting straight to Kath Marriott.

Rushcliffe Borough Council are making all their car parks free after 3pm to support businesses, following the next step out of lockdown. This will be until further notice and I know will be welcomed by businesses and shoppers alike.

Security patrols and extra bin provision will continue at Bridgford Park and Bridgfield in West Bridgford, reassuring residents and visitors the open spaces can be enjoyed responsibly.

Rushcliffe Borough Council has signed a lease agreement with The Rock Church to manage Lutterell Hall in West Bridgford whilst the authority retains ownership of the venue.

From May 1 The Rock Church will manage day to day bookings and usage of the Hall, keeping the building open for community use with St Giles' preschool continuing to use the base.

5666. PLANNING

- i) 20/03244/OUT Taylor Wimpey UK & Rockspring Barwood Gamston Ltd Outline Planning Application for the first phases of a Sustainable Urban Extension at Land East of Gamston and North of Tollerton, comprising up to 2,250 dwellings, a primary school, a local centre (Class E a,b,c,d,e,f and g) and hot food takeaway (sui generis), strategic green infrastructure and associated buildings, childrens play areas, strategic infrastructure including drainage and engineering and demolition works. Full details sought for the principal vehicular accesses off A52

and Tollerton Lane with all other matters reserved. Land East of Gamston & North of Tollerton Lane, Tollerton Lane, Tollerton, Nottinghamshire.

Adjacent Parish. Deadline for comment : Monday 15th February '21(extension requested)

Cllr Tisbury explained that this application will not progress until the supplementary planning agreement from all landowners is presented and approved. Rushcliffe Borough Council require a comprehensive proposal incorporating the entire site to satisfy the Local Plan before any individual application will be considered.

- ii) *21/00757/FUL Mr Christopher Hodgson Removal of existing garden wall and hedge. Construction of a new repositioned brick on northern boundary, Extend existing drive and subsequent resurfacing, to drain into the existing below ground system and soakaway. Hazlemere House, 1 Honister Close, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6NY.*

Deadline for comment : Thursday 8th April '21

Cllr Griffiths has looked at this and concluded that we should object as the proposal is out of keeping with RBC Residential Design guide with reference to open aspect. Also, there are highway sight line issues at the corner, and it is quite high close to the highway.

Parish Council Response : Object

Clerk has responded on behalf of the Parish Council via the RBC Planning Portal before deadline date.

- iii) *21/00755/FUL Mr Alex Nelson Replace carport/garage, Construct two storey side extension with access to proposed loft extension with rear dormer, front porch extension. 34, Elterwater Drive, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6PL.*

Deadline for comment : Sunday 11th April '21

Cllr Griffiths has looked at this application and concluded there is no reason to object.

Parish Council Response : Do Not Object

Clerk has responded on behalf of the Parish Council via the RBC Planning Portal before deadline date.

- iv) 21/00888/FUL Mr & Mrs Beatham Demolition of existing Conservatory and Construction of new single storey rear extension. 20, Kirkstone Drive, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6NT.

Deadline for comment : Thursday 15th April '21

Cllr Prett to take a look at this application and circulate thoughts to all Cllrs. Cllr Tisbury noted he did not consider there to be any grounds to object.

Clerk to respond on behalf of the Parish Council via the RBC Planning Portal before deadline date.

- v) 21/01078/TPO Mr Chris Francis Trees: T1 (Scots Pine) – 30% reduction and removal of dead wood. 1, Goldrill Close, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6AQ.

Deadline for comment : Thursday 29th April '21

RBC consent has been refused with reference to associated application 21/00307/TPO to fell the tree in question. Parish Council defer decision on reduction of same tree to RBC tree specialist.

Parish Council Response : Defer to RBC tree specialist.

Clerk to respond on behalf of the Parish Council via the RBC Planning Portal before deadline date.

- vi) 21/00996/FUL Mrs Angela Fallon Proposed erection of rear single storey extension. 1, Old Tollerton Road, Gamston, Nottinghamshire, NG2 6NX.

Deadline for comment : Wednesday 28th April '21

Cllr Griffiths has looked at this application and concluded there is no reason to object.

Parish Council Response : Do Not Object

Clerk to respond on behalf of the Parish Council via the RBC Planning Portal before deadline date.

5667. MAY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & ANNUAL MEETING

Current legislation allowing Parish Councils to meet via Zoom expires on 6th May 2021. Our next meeting is currently scheduled for Monday 10th May '21 which would necessitate an in person meet even though social distancing will still be in operation. Clerk has suggested we bring forward the May APM & AM to Thursday 6th May '21 to take advantage of the last opportunity to legally meet remotely.

County Cllr Cutts informed the meeting of a test case being made by Hertfordshire County Council to meet remotely after 6th May '21. It is anticipated that this case will not be contested in court. Result of the case will be known after 21st April '21.

After discussion it was agreed to bring the May '21 meetings forward to Thursday 6th May '21 with a slightly earlier start time of 7pm. Possible cancellation of June '21 PC Meeting to be discussed at that point.

Clerk to update Parish Council Meeting Dates document to reflect change to May '21 meeting and distribute.

5668. VILLAGE HALL

Government Guidance re:opening of community venues

Cllr Arkless explained that nothing has changed in the last month regarding Village Hall opening. Clerk noted that Daisy Baby group would be resuming their sessions on Monday 19th April '21. Bookings Clerk is undertaking a deep clean of the Village Hall ahead of the reopening. Cllr Prett explained that he had noticed a fusty odour in the office and thought it would be beneficial to open some windows and allow air to circulate.

Cllr Arkless agreed to look at the VH office.

Repainting Windows

Repairing and repainting VH windows to be revisited during the summer.

Cllr Arkless to speak with David Litchfield regarding work on repairing and repainting VH windows.

5669. PLAY PARK

Covid19 Spraying Play Park Equipment

Cllr Arkless confirmed that Clerk has discovered that RBC have reduced their frequency of play equipment spraying to weekly so in line with that we have revised our Risk Assessment and the Bookings Clerk is now spraying the Ambleside Play Park equipment every Friday.

Resurface MUGA and Cleaning & Painting of Play Equipment

Clerk confirmed that she had spoken with Notts County Council and has clarified the grant situation. We have written confirmation from NCC that a £10k grant will be paid in two instalments towards the cost of the replacement pitch, provided the cost exceeds £10k.

Clerk explained that required documentation is a copy of our Public Liability insurance, up to date quotation for works and email confirmation that the balance of costs will be met by the Parish Council.

Clerk to forward required documentation to NottsCC to release first instalment of funds.

Clerk to arrange for Cllrs Arkless & Stacey to confirm that the remaining balance for the works will be met by the Parish Council.

Clerk to speak further with Bingham Ground Services to book in works.

Power Wash of all Play Park equipment to eventually be carried out by Streetwise as previously agreed before painting Play Park equipment.

Clerk still to establish comparability of two quotations received for painting Play Park equipment. Clerk to also establish approximate timescales for work to ascertain how long the Play Park is likely to be out of action.

Grass Seed

Cllr Prett had notified Clerk that he has removed the old paving slabs and 'No Through Road' sign from the Village Hall grounds and the disused blue notice board from the VH office all to be used at Skylarks Nature Reserve. Consequently, there was the need for some grass seed where the slabs were previously sited. Cllr Arkless explained that there were some areas of the Play Park that also required some grass seed. Discussion took place regarding large bag of grass seed in the VH office that has gone missing. No-one was aware of the location of this grass seed.

Cllr Mason explained that he had taken a large sponge, scraper and soapy water and washed down the park benches and seats at the Play Park situated under the trees near to the wooden toadstools. They were heavily soiled with bird waste and black mildew and due to their location amongst the trees, needed a say fortnightly thorough clean. Cllr Mason asked the meeting to consider employing somebody to perform this task.

Cllr's Arkless and Mason to meet at Play Park 10.30am Tuesday 13th April '21 to identify any branches that could be removed to improve the cleanliness of park benches beneath trees.

Clerk to enquire as to whether park bench cleaning is a service WheelieJet would provide.

5670. WILDFLOWER PLANTING

Cllr Arkless explained that he was still in the process of liaising with David Wilson Homes regarding the potential wildflower planting on the canal side in Gamston. Cllr Arkless noted that there had been a good response to the article in the newsletter with some positive feedback.

Discussion took place regarding timing of planting and it was agreed to plan to plant in September/October '21.

Cllr Owen stressed the fact that it should not be seen as a cost-cutting exercise as this was not the primary objective for the scheme. Initially at least it will involve a large amount of work but will look beautiful and hopefully widen the diversity of species of flora and fauna in the Parish.

Cllr Stacey explained that she had spoken with Diane Kidger in Bassingfield regarding potential sites for wildflowers there. Diane Kidger owns a field of horses that backs onto the canal and she would be happy for wildflowers to be planted there provided they were not poisonous to horses. Cllr Tisbury suggested that they would not be visible if planted there as the reeds are so high.

Clerk to reply to all wildflower responders to the Newsletter article.

5671. COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Holme Lane Working Party

Cllr Owen explained that the first meeting had taken place virtually attended by County Cllr Cutts, Cllr's Stacey and Hackett and Group Manager Environmental Highways Gary Wood and Neil Lewis Countryside Access Manager. The next meeting is planned for Tuesday 27th April '21. Cllr Owen thanked County Cllr Cutts and Cllrs Stacey and Hackett for their input.

Cllr Owen to arrange to walk along Holme Lane with Neil Lewis to clarify and put into context the theory of the problems that have been discussed.

Cllr Cutts confirmed that the grass verges are owned by Notts County Council from hedge to hedge across the highway.

A52 Nottingham Stragglethorpe Junction U-turn Ban Update

Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council objection to the U-turn ban had been submitted and that all information was currently with the Regional Director of the Midlands Operation Directorate who would be reviewing the information and deciding how to proceed, and we would be notified of the final decision in due course.

Gamston Brook

Cllr Arkless explained that he had met with Tom Pettit, Design & Landscape Officer at RBC who has provided the Parish Council with ownership details for the open space in Gamston. Tom Pettit explained that the path and western bank of the brook are maintained by Bovis and Pedigree Foods maintain the eastern bank. The section owned by RBC does not have any significant timber in the watercourse but when the area is flailed next winter the contractor will be asked to focus on the areas with significant brambles. The culvert from the outfall under the canal has already been identified by RBC as needing work and Tom will remind their contractor to tackle that in the summer.

Clerk noted that Cllr Prett had notified her of a blocked drainage pipe in Holme Pierrepont that needed investigation.

Clerk to contact Severn Trent Water Authority to ask them to inspect the blocked drainage pipe.

Cllr Mason wanted to express his sincere thanks to County Cllr Cutts for all her support and wished her a very happy retirement.

Cllr Owen explained that the post box in Holme Pierrepont made in Derby in 1884 had been stripped and repainted and now looks absolutely fabulous. Cllr Owen noted it was painted pink at the undercoat stage.

Cllr Griffiths explained that she had been in discussion with the local council and Lady Bay Primary School regarding the illegal use of the playing field over the last few weeks. Cllr Griffiths explained it had been very noisy and the Police were doing what they could to assist.

Cllr Hackett explained that she could buy a sack of grass seed for the Play Park and Village Hall. Also, she has some 10ft branch loppers that could be used to clear some of the branches above the picnic tables at the Play Park. Cllr Arkless thanked Cllr Hackett and arranged to meet at the Play Park with Cllr Mason at 10.30am Tuesday 13th April '21.

Cllr Hackett told the meeting that Jubilee Cottage in Holme Pierrepont had been broken into three times in the last fortnight. The building is in a state of disrepair and been used for partying at the weekend. Cllr Hackett explained that the current owner was in the process of selling the house to the architect that had produced the plans for him and would be seeking planning permission again in the future.

Cllr Prett explained that the Gamston Litter Pickers had resumed their monthly meets but had received some new Covid19 guidance from Streetwise. Rubbish is required to be double bagged and a period of 72 hours to elapse before Streetwise will collect.

Cllr Stacey spoke about evidencing of the original name of Sanday's Lane in Holme Pierrepont, as opposed to Sandy Lane. Cllr Stacey explained that she had searched through historic Parish Council minutes that had proved inconclusive, so she was going to further investigate by reviewing the archives.

Cllr Tisbury asked County Cllr Cutts about the proposed changes to Regatta Way cycle and pedestrian tracks as part of the Active Travel Fund. Cllr Cutts confirmed the proposals had been accepted and would be completed in due course over the next financial year and works would fit in with the new school development.

5672. FINANCE

Clerk had previously issued via email all Cllrs with copies of the month's financial transactions and details of payments.

Cllrs Arkless and Stacey kindly agreed to electronically authorise month's payments online.

Clerk to forward scans of all invoices for payment to Cllrs Arkless and Stacey.

Clerk explained that the financial year end was 31st March and she had received notification of the timescales required for production of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) to PKF Littlejohn accountants.

Clerk to produce draft year end accounts.

Clerk to contact Brian Hardy our Auditor, to arrange 2020/2021 internal audit.

5673. CLERKS REPORT

Clerk explained that she had received some notices pertaining to the upcoming elections that she would kindly appreciate displaying in the Parish notice boards.

Clerk explained that she had received an email from a Parishioner asking if there would possibly be any funds available to paint the telephone box on the Village Green, like the one in Barton-in-Fabis. Ideally with red paint, gold crest and the original authentic signage reading 'TELEPHONE' and glass panels as opposed to the opaque replacements.

Clerk to further investigate and respond to Parishioner.

Clerk still to contact Marlow Town Council regarding water refill station.

5674. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as **Thursday 6th May 2021** at **7pm** via Zoom.

The meeting ended at approximately 8.45pm.